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SUBJECT: POPLAR RIVER

REFS: A) OTTAWA 2932; B) STATE 182556

- 1. US SIDE AT HELENA MEETING ON 26 AUGUST WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE AGREED WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS OF ALL ASPECTS OF POPLAR PROBLEM, AND TO OFFER COMMENTS ON REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM CANADIANS AND IJC. IN CONVEYING TO EXTAFF OUR DESIRE TO DISCUSS AIR AND WATER POLLUTION AS WELL AS APPORTIONMENT ISSUES, OUR INTEREST IN INTERIM MEASURES TO PROTECT US USES OF EAST POPLAR SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED.
- 2. MEETING WILL BE HELD IN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE CAPITOL, HELENA, MONT., AT 10:00 A.M. FEDERAL REPRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE EPA, USGS, AND INTERIOR (BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS).

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3. DEPT IS SENSITIVE TO BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY ARTICLE II AND CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES POSED BY POPLAR (PARAS 2 AND 5 REF A), AND HISTORICALLY RIGID VIEW OF SASKATCHEWAN ON ARTICLE II RIGHTS. NONETHELESS, PRACTICE OF IJC HAS

RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE APPORTIONMENT IN

MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS WHICH USG HAS TAKEN LEAD IN ESPOUSING. IN THIS LIGHT, PROPOSED LETTER TO IJC EVEN WITHOUT PARA ON INTERIM PROTECTIVE MEASURES WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE, BECAUSE OF REFERENCE TO EQUITABLE APPORTIONMENT OBJECTIVE. THUS, IF DRAFT CONTAINED REF B NOT ACCEPTABLE, DEPT PROPOSES AGREEMENT ON JOINT TEXT WITHOUT PARA ON EMERGENCY MEASURES, AND WILL WEIGH SEPARATE LETTER ON THAT ASPECT.

4. NEED FOR PROMPT RESPONSE FROM EXTAFF ON DRAFT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED. KISSINGER

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